

What is claimed is:

1                   1 (currently amended).     An installation device for plumbing elements,  
2     comprising:  
3                   a flush-mounting box that has an open front having an edge, **the flush-**  
4     **mounting box having** ~~and~~ side walls **extending from the edge to a base,**  
5     **wherein protruding eyes extend from the side walls adjacent to the base**  
6     **for affixing the flush-mounting box at the base,** the mounting box having  
7     **fittings** ~~means~~ for installing plumbing elements within the flush-mounting box,  
8     **said fittings including apertures in the side walls,**  
9                   a flange on an outside of the box, and  
10                  plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the box at a  
11     selectably variable distance back from the edge.

1                   2 (previously presented).     An installation device according to claim 1,  
2     wherein the flange comprises a solid ring.

1                   3 (previously presented).     An installation device according to claim 1,  
2     comprising a plurality of structures spaced back from edge at the open front  
3     and on outer surfaces of the side walls, wherein the flange is set to said  
4     distance by fastening to a selected one of the structures.

1                   4 (Original).     An installation device according to claim 1, wherein the  
2     flange is fastened directly to the flush-mounting box.

5 (Canceled).

6 (Canceled).

1           7(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 3,  
2 wherein the outer surfaces of the side walls and an inner surface of the flange  
3 engage at one of plural ribs spaced back from the edge and having 0° pitch  
4 angles.

1           8(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 7,  
2 wherein the ribs are interrupted at at least one location on their circumference  
3 down to at least a root of the ribs.

1           9(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,  
2 wherein the means on the box comprise ribs that are interrupted at at least  
3 one location on their circumference down to at least the root of the ribs.

1           10(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,  
2 wherein a joint between the flush-mounting box and the flange comprises at  
3 least one bayonet joint.

11(Canceled).

1           12(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,  
2 wherein the flange is fastenable to the flush-mounting box from the open front  
3 of the flush-mounting box.

13(Canceled).

14(Canceled).

1           15(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1,  
2           wherein the flange is latchable into position on the flush-mounting box.

1           16(currently amended). An installation device **according to claim 1,**  
2           ~~for plumbing elements, comprising: — a flush-mounting box that has an~~  
3           ~~open front having an edge and side walls, the mounting box being configured~~  
4           ~~to receive plumbing elements within the flush-mounting box,~~  
5           **wherein the plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the**  
6           **box comprise** a plurality of grooves on an outside of the side walls box  
7           spaced back at different distances from the edge of the open front of the box;  
8           **a the flange is fastenable on the an outside of the box by — the flange**  
9           **having inward protrusions on the flange** that engage with a selected one of  
10          the grooves for selectably setting a distance of the flange back from the edge.

1           17(currently amended). The installation **device box** of claim 16,  
2           wherein the grooves are located at tangential surfaces protruding radially on  
3           the outside of the box, between which surfaces are gaps along which the  
4           inward protrusions of the flange are movable back from the edge, wherein the  
5           inward protrusions of the flange are engaged in a selected one of the grooves  
6           by rotation of the flange relative to the box.

1           18(currently amended). The installation **device box** of claim 17,  
2           wherein the grooves end in broadened sections that receive the protrusions of  
3           the flanges.

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